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THE STATE HOTEL NOW OPEN AS NEWEST BOUTIQUE HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN SEATTLE

Seattle landmark building on corner of Second and Pike is brought back to life as an urban hotel featuring extensive architectural redesign



Caption: The State Hotel Lobby (Credit: The State Hotel)

SEATTLE, Wash. (March 22, 2019) – The State Hotel officially opened in the former landmark Eitel Building, originally built in 1904 and have been completely reinvented as a design-forward hotel at 2nd & Pike. Located next to Pike Place Market, the 91-room hotel provides visitors with expansive views, a diverse collection of artwork and a dynamic culinary and bar experience at Ben Paris, the cocktail and culinary-forward restaurant on the ground floor.

The design of The State Hotel features diverse artwork throughout the communal spaces and guestrooms, including wall coverings and portraits commissioned from Northwest artist Kate Blairstone. The largest art feature on the project is a five-story mural by well-known street artist Shepard Fairey of Obey Giant. The mural, “Fire Sale,” was installed in late 2018 on the west façade of the building and has quickly become an iconic sight along the Seattle skyline, adding more color and life to the downtown area.

Architectural firm Weinstein A+U and general contractor Exxel Pacific carefully preserved this historic building—originally built in 1904—while converting it into a 91-room hotel and restaurant. The scope of construction involved a complete seismic retrofit and bringing the building up to current building code, including new elevators and mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. The main floor features storefront windows and the original historic archway entry, with a new steel-and-glass canopy. The eighth floor houses penthouse-level suites with private terraces and a common-area private bar for hotel guests to enjoy the view over Pike Place Market and Elliott Bay. Vida Design was the interior designer for the project.

“We began this project three years ago with a local team, from our investment partners to the general contractor. It started out with a commitment to the preservation of this important historic building, and we are working to reconstruct something we hope the city of Seattle really likes,” said Patrick Foley of Lake Union Partners, the urban real estate firm that is part of the ownership and renovation team. “While it was a much greater cost and technical challenge to repurpose the building than to tear it down and rebuild, its character and creative design are things we know our guests and neighbors will enjoy and appreciate.”

Columbia Hospitality, a Seattle-based hospitality management company, will manage and operate the hotel, and Rob Nichols will serve as general manager. To make reservations or learn more about The State Hotel, visit www.statehotel.com.

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About The State Hotel

Located in the heart of downtown Seattle just steps away from Pike Place Market, this 91-room boutique hotel will provide access to Seattle’s best attractions and feature a rooftop terrace for hotel

guests and a ground-floor restaurant and bar. The historic building was constructed in 1904 and received landmark designation status in 2006. The State Hotel is owned by a group of local investors and managed by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc. For more information, visit www.statehotel.com.

About Lake Union Partners

Seattle-based Lake Union Partners is an urban real estate firm specializing in mixed-use commercial projects and historic preservation redevelopment in metropolitan markets throughout the Pacific Northwest. As a team of creative and experienced developers, the firm is focused on building projects with design integrity and sensitivity to local neighborhoods. Learn more at www.lakeunionpartners.com.

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